

As a parent, you have the right and responsibility to choose the child care provider that you want for your child.



## Children's Home Society of California

is here to help you make an informed decision, by providing information about:

- Different types of child care that are available in your community
- What to consider when selecting child care services that meet the needs of your family



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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

We encourage you to contact your local Resource and Referral (R&R) Program to discuss the child care options and resources available to you. The R&R Program has a listing of child care providers available in your area, and can provide information about subsidized child care programs.

CHS operates R&R Programs in the greater Long Beach area, Orange, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. We can assist you with listings of providers in those communities. Be sure to visit all of the child care programs that you are considering, and contact Community Care Licensing to review a potential provider's file and background.

For further assistance, please contact your local CHS office, or visit our website at [www.chs-ca.org](http://www.chs-ca.org).

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# Your Choice

We encourage you to consider the full range of child care options available before choosing a child care provider. Child care options available to families include:

- **Before- and After-School Programs** at a variety of elementary schools and other sites for parents requiring before- and after-school services.
- **Head Start and Early Head Start Programs** that offer services to low-income families for children between birth and five years of age.
- **Licensed Child Care Centers** that provide care for children in a group setting for either part-day or full-day care. Centers can provide care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and/or school-age children depending on their license.
- **Licensed Family Child Care Homes (FCCH)** that provide care for children in a mixed age group setting in the home of a licensed caregiver. An FCCH may be licensed to care for up to eight children (small capacity) or up to fourteen children (large capacity).
- **License-Exempt Providers** that operate without a child care license, including programs on a public or private school site, cooperative agreements (co-ops), and public recreation programs. This also includes providers who care for relatives, or who care only for the children of one family.
- **School Readiness Programs** which are licensed centers that provide preschool enrichment activities.
- **State- and Federally-Funded Programs** that include early developmental programs, child development centers with a subsidized sliding scale, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and state preschools.
- **Universal Preschool Programs** that are available to four-year-olds in centers and family child care homes in some participating service areas.



Please refer to the *CHS Choosing Child Care* brochure for more detailed information, including a checklist of things to consider while you are searching for a child care provider.

We understand that it is important that you find child care that can best meet the needs of you, your child, and your family, and we look forward to supporting you in that process.

